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European Application Publication No. 0 070 513. U.S. Patent No. 6,494,905 corresponds to this document.

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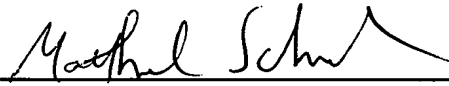
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